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SUBJECT: PACKAGED DISASTER HOSPITAL

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1. WINSOR HAS INFORMED DEPT. THAT HE HAS TENTATIVE BOOKING FOR SHIPMENT PDH ON MOTOR VESSEL M. POLO, NORTH AMERICAN-WEST AFRICAN LINE, LEAVING US JANUARY 23 WITH ESTIMATED ETA FREETOWN FEBRUARY 23. SHIP WILL MAKE STOPS IN HALIFAX AND DAKAR. SHIPMENT CONSISTS OF TWO CONTAINERS CONTAINING ONE COMPLETE PDH (18,550 LBS., 1,600 CUBIC FEET) AND ONE COMPLETE DENTAL UNIT (1,237 LBS., 87 CUBIC FEET). STANDARD HOSPITAL BEDS, WITHOUT MATTRESSES, WILL BE FITTED INTO AVAILABLE SPACE IN SECOND CONTAINER - PROBABLY ABOUT 50 BEDS.

2. COST OF SHIPMENT, APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 12,000, WILL BE PAID BY WILLIAM H. DONNER FOUNDATION AND CURTIN WINSOR. ALL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PDH HAVE BEEN DROPPED BY PADF, PERMITTING EMBASSY USE MAXIMUM DISCRETION AS TO USE OF PDH. DONORS OF PDH ARE DONNER FOUNDATION AND CURTIN WINSOR, WITH AMBASSADOR SAMUELS ACTING ON THEIR BEHALF.

3. WINSOR WRITING TO AMBASSADOR WITH DETAILS ON
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EQUIPMENT INCLUDED IN SHIPMENT.

4. THE TWO CONTAINERS TO BE USED FOR SHIPMENT ARE
LEASED AND CANNOT RPT CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM FREETOWN.

5. ANOTHER SUBJECT: WINSOR SAYS HE HAS WRITTEN TO
TUCKER, WITH COPY TO AMBASSADOR, CONCERNING BEES.
AFRICAN BEES REQUIRE SPECIAL APPARATUS, AND WINSOR HOPES
TO SECURE APPARATUS FROM A CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP.

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